



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 17, 2003

H.R. 272

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 11, 2003

CBO estimates that H.R. 272 would not significantly affect the federal budget. H.R. 272 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 272 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to convey, without consideration, certain lands to two counties in Nevada for use as cemeteries. Based on information from the agencies, we estimate that administrative costs to complete the proposed conveyances would be less than \$50,000, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Conveying those lands could reduce offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) if, under current law, they would generate income from land sales or programs to develop natural resources. According to the agencies, however, the affected lands currently generate no significant receipts and are not expected to do so over the next 10 years. Hence, CBO estimates that conveying them would not significantly affect direct spending. (The bill would have no effect on revenues.)

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.